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**“Au Revoir Les Enfants”**

At the beginning of the movie, Julien Quentin and his older brother are returning from their home in Paris, to a private boarding school elsewhere in France after the school vacation. Then, three new students are introduced, on named Bonnet who is the same age as Julien. Everyone, including Julien, doesn’t like Bonnet and he is often picked on because he seems a bit different compared to all the other students. Bonnet is extremely intelligent and that makes Julien despise him even more. Julien is very suspicious of Bonnet and does some snooping around. What he finds is shocking. In Bonnet’s cabinet of belongings, Julien finds a book with Jean Kipplestein written in it. He knows that that is a Jewish name, not a Catholic name. On top of that, one night, Julien wakes up and finds Bonnet praying in the Hebrew language. Then one day at confessions, Julien is told to be kind to Bonnet by the head priest which confuses him even more.

As time goes on, Julien actually begins to like Bonnet. When playing a scavenging game, they both get lost in the woods together and have to find their way back. Along the way, they bonded. The two of them develop a friendship and go through many experiences together. They learn about each other and spend much of their time with each other. Bonnet even goes out to lunch with Julien and his mother and brother because he has nobody to go with. One day, a man and his soldiers enter the school looking for three students and the name of one was Kipplestein. The only two people that know Bonnet’s true name is Kipplestein are Julien and the head priest. Julien unintentionally exposes Bonnet by looking in his direction. It turned out that the priest had been hiding three boys who were Jewish to protect them, and one of them was Bonnet. The priest, Bonner, and the two other students were taken by the soldiers. In the end, all of them die.

I liked this movie because the acting was very good and you could really feel what the characters were feeling. I also like how I could attach myself to a certain character that I liked. What I didn’t like was that the whole movie was in French. Although we had subtitles, it was still slightly difficult to follow the movie at some points. I would definitely rather be able to understand what the characters were saying without having to read subtitles. I also didn’t like how the movie was mysterious most of the time. But overall, it was a good movie and I enjoyed it.